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DFI Shares Classroom Lessons for Financial Literacy Month

April Activities Include School Presentations and a Train-the-Trainer Workshop

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 17, 2018) – The Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) is celebrating Financial Literacy Month by sharing resources and lessons with second-grade students in Frankfort, as well as with teachers and extension agents across Kentucky.

Governor Bevin declared April to be Financial Literacy Month to raise public awareness about the importance of financial literacy and the need for financial education.

“Learning financial skills at an early age will help individuals make wise financial decisions throughout their lives,” said DFI Commissioner Charles Vice. “The department provides resources to teachers and community members to use in classrooms and workshops statewide to help children as well as all residents of Kentucky.”

DFI offers curriculum materials and resources on a variety of financial topics, including saving and investing; avoiding fraud; cybercrime; budgeting; credit; and other topics listed at <http://bit.ly/DFITeacher>.

On Tuesday, a DFI representative will speak with teachers and extension agents at the Kentucky Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (KAFCS) Annual Meeting in Lexington. The presentation, “Financial Literacy Throughout the Year,” will highlight some fun “holidays” that lend themselves to a finance lesson focus.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, a DFI representative will speak to nearly 200 students at three Frankfort elementary schools: Westridge, Hearn and Collins Lane. As part of Teach Children to Save Day, DFI joins the Kentucky Jump\$tart Coalition to place volunteers in second-grade classrooms to read “Less Than Zero,” an engaging story about a penguin that learns to save money. Each participating school receives a book for their library, and students are given a

savings-related gift provided by the Kentucky Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy.

To learn more about Financial Literacy Month and the Department of Financial Institutions, visit kfi.ky.gov or follow the Public Protection Cabinet on Facebook @kypublicprotection and Twitter @ppckentucky.

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